Supply of tyres for the Transport Department.

113 ✱ **MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether a contract has been entered into by the Government with a Firm for the supply of tyres for the Transport Department ;

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, the name of that Firm ;

(*c*) the date and terms of the contract ; and

(*d*) whether the contract was given after tenders were invited and whether any other person or firm had submitted tenders ?

MR. E. G. SALTER (*Director of Transport*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Messrs. Ardeshir & Co., Madras.

(*c*) 21-2-1938. Supplies are made on a mileage contract basis.

(*d*) Tenders were invited but no other firm quoted rates.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I know what is paid per mile for these tyres ?

MR. E. G. SALTER: Sir, I would refer the honourable member to the proceedings of the budget session held in Karkadagom 1113 where the whole question of tyre contract was discussed in its fullest details.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Is there any time limit fixed for the contract ?

MR. E. G. SALTER: The time limit for the contract and all other questions were answered then.

Rate charged by the State Transport.

114 ✱ **MR. K. A. MATHEW** (*Tiruvalla*) : Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the rate per mile charged by the State Transport Department in their bus service ; and

(*b*) the rate per mile charged by the private bus companies in the following line services :—

(i) Alleppey-Quilon ;
(ii) Alleppey-Aroor ;
(iii) Kozhencherry-Tiruvalla ; and
(iv) Chengannur-Kayamkulam ?

MR. E. G. SALTER : (*a*) 1. 10 cash for ordinary services (approximately).

2. 50 per cent. above the ordinary services for Express (approximately.)

3. $1\frac{1}{3}$ Chs. for City Services (approximately).

(*b*) (i) $12\frac{1}{2}$ cash approximately.

(ii) 1 Ch. $3\frac{1}{2}$ cash approximately.

(iii) 1 Ch. 2 cash approximately.

(iv) 1 Ch. $7\frac{1}{2}$ cash approximately.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether the Government have considered the advisability of getting the rates of private buses conform to the Government rates ?

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